

BUREAU OF THE
AMERICAN FREEDMEN'S AID UNION,

130 Nassau-Street.

New-York, June 6th 1865

Dear Mrs Chapman:

Mr Larkin tells me
that his ferry was so short in
Boston & his time so occupied with
business that he did not get to
see you; and that - till being to
be able to call upon you - he did
not find you his letter. I am
sorry that he could not have

the opportunity of making the
acquaintance.

The Nation will start
under the most favorable con-
ditions. Now that its Estab-
lishment is an accumulation fall-
ing connection with it ceases.

I am here, as secretary of the
Am. Z. A. Union, to make the
organization be called effective
for its purpose: - which is to
harmonize the action & give

added efficiency to the Freedom
and Society. or, as I consider it,
to look into shape & find the
right direction to the Freedom
and Movement.

The function of this
movement - to Express it in a
word - is Enlightenment. - the
Enlightenment of the newly liberated
black, (by schools & the like), & of the
unliberated & half-liberated white,
- north & south - as to their

Dukes to the black, ¹⁸⁶⁵ M. McKim

In establishing schools at the
North we are giving to the negro - direct
ly & indirectly waiting for the Government
some of the best blessings of freedom; while
we are paying to the public of the North:
"See them people, how worthy they are! how
apt to learn; how susceptible to im-
provement; how industrious; how long-
ed; how law-abiding; how fitted for citi-
zenship! Give them their rights! With-
hold no longer their full dues! We preach
- we practise; we talk - we work.

- But all this you understand
& there is no need for me to repeat it.

I want you and, and that of
your father and daughters, in ma-
king this movement - what it ought
to be. ~~With~~ hold not your counsel.

We must have done with
the business of physical relief. The
war is over & the Union is whole
again; let the Govt hereafter take
charge of the outward & material
branches of this ~~and~~ enterprise. To give
the black man education, and to demand
for him all the blessings of freedom should
be our business. Love yours
M. McKim